

Supporting Information for:

Bulk growth, structure, and characterization of the new monoclinic $\text{TbCa}_4\text{O}(\text{BO}_3)_3$ Crystal

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(1) The details of the thermal expansion experiment:

The thermal expansion experiments of $\text{TbCa}_4\text{O}(\text{BO}_3)_3$ were carried out using a thermal dilatometer (Diamond TMA) over the temperature range of 30-300 °C at a rate of 5 °C/min. For the monoclinic TbCOB crystal with space group Cm, the thermal expansion coefficient with respect to the crystallographic axis a, b and c was calculated, respectively. The average linear thermal expansion can be obtained according to the following formula:

$$\alpha(T_0 \rightarrow T) = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0} * \frac{1}{\Delta T}$$

where $\alpha(T_0 \rightarrow T)$ is the average linear thermal expansion coefficient over the temperature range from T_0 to T , L_0 is the sample length at T_0 , ΔL is the length changed when the temperature changes from T_0 to T , and $\Delta T = T - T_0$ is the temperature change. The values of the average linear thermal expansion coefficients of TbCOB crystal for the

temperature range of 30 to 300 °C were $\alpha_a = 8.82 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$, $\alpha_b = 4.33 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and $\alpha_c = 9.84 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$, respectively.

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Empirical formula	Tb _{0.99} Ca _{4.01} B ₃ O ₁₀
Formula weight	509.89
Temperature	293(2) K
Radiation, wavelength	Mo-K α , 0.71073 Å
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>Cm</i> (No.8)
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 8.0715(7)$ Å $b = 16.0000(15)$ Å $c = 3.5454(3)$ Å $\beta = 101.2550(10)^\circ$
Unit Cell volume, Z	449.06(7) Å ³ , 2
Density (<i>calc.</i>)	3.771 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	10.094 cm ⁻¹
Theta range for data collection/ deg.	2.55 to 27.44
F(000)	479
Limiting indices	-9 ≤ h ≤ 10, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -4 ≤ l ≤ 1
Reflections collected/ unique	1421/718
R(int)	0.0197
Flack parameter	0.50(3)
Data/ restraints/ parameters	718/2/83
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.468
Final R indices ^a [I>2σ _(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0305 wR ₂ = 0.0838
Final R indices ^a [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0327 wR ₂ = 0.0792

^a R₁ = $\sum||F_o - |F_c||/\sum|F_o|$; wR₂ = $[\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/\sum[w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$, and w = $1/[\sigma^2 F_o^2 + (A \cdot P)^2 + B \cdot P]$, P = $(F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$; A and B are weight coefficients.

Table S2. Refined atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters for TbCa₄O(BO₃)₃.

Atoms	Wyckoff	x	y	z	U_{eq} (Å ²)	Occupancy
Tb1/Ca1	2 <i>a</i>	0.00003(7)	0	0.0041(7)	0.0071(3)	0.96(2)/ 0.04(2)
Tb2/Ca2	4 <i>b</i>	0.1400(3)	0.38742(13)	0.3192(6)	0.0086(10)	0.043(7)/ 0.957(7)
Ca3	4 <i>b</i>	0.2589(3)	0.18157(16)	0.6424(7)	0.0096(9)	1.0
B1	2 <i>a</i>	0.373(3)	0	0.684(6)	0.008(4)	1.0
B2	4 <i>b</i>	0.9486(19)	0.1945(10)	0.065(5)	0.011(3)	1.0
O1	2 <i>a</i>	0.821(2)	0	0.409(5)	0.009(4)	1.0
O2	4 <i>b</i>	0.4579(11)	-0.0736(5)	0.735(3)	0.010(2)	1.0
O3	2 <i>a</i>	0.192(2)	0	0.594(6)	0.014(4)	1.0
O4	4 <i>b</i>	0.0818(11)	0.1426(6)	0.064(3)	0.010(2)	1.0
O5	4 <i>b</i>	0.9665(13)	0.2688(6)	0.263(3)	0.014(2)	1.0
O6	4 <i>b</i>	0.7876(12)	0.1718(6)	-0.130(3)	0.013(2)	1.0

^a U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor

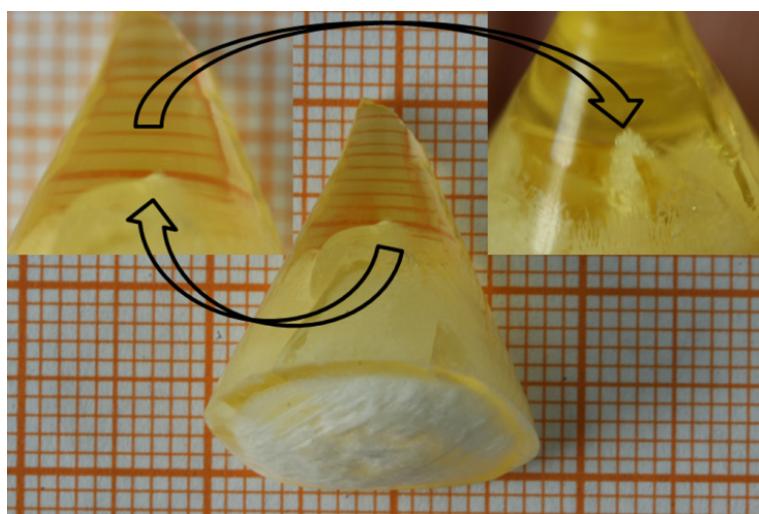


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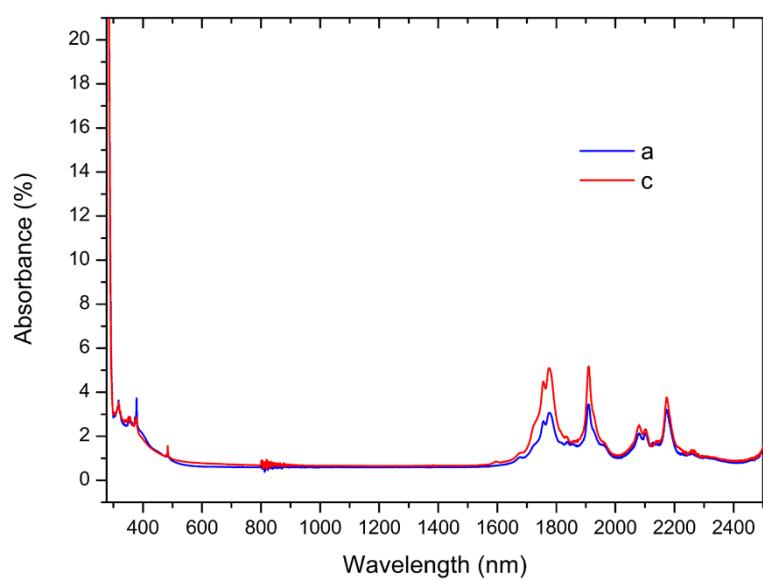


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